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Minutes

Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting

July 19, 2011

Mid-County Regional Center- 2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902

Members Present: Robin Brannan (by phone), Eileen Cahill, L. Blaine Charak, Karla Fortunato, Gregory Intoccia, Kieran Mchargue, Steve Morrison, Richard Newman, Gam Wijetunge and Ariel Winter.

Members Absent: Teresa Bell and Stefan Larson.

Staff Present: Roylene Roberts

Call to Order: Chair L. Blaine Charak called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for June 2011 were approved as read.

Agenda and minutes approved.

Council Report: Tiffany Ward, representing County Councilmember, Marc Elrich, noted that there is a Public hearing tonight on Wheaton CBD. Tiffany Ward will email additional notes to the MCCAB vice chair.

Community concerns: Troy Kimmel with Brooke Grove Elementary PTA. Comments on Farquhar Middle School modernization in support of the Land Swap option. MCPS released Facility Advisory Committee report yesterday.

Questions from MCCAB members were fielded.

Motion from the Land Use committee to send letter from MCCAB in support of the land swap option. Draft letter attached. Motion by Land Use, Zoning and Transportation committee.

Presentation: Montgomery County Government CIP Process presentation from Joe Beach Director of the Office of Management and budget.

Questions from MCCAB members were fielded.

Patsy Hedrick and CJ Lilly from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning were present to answer questions on Parks CIP.

County departmental staff were present.

Motion Gam Wijetunge Second Eileen Cahill that the Mid County Citizen Advisory Board send a letter to the County Executive similar to the letter transmitted on July 16, 2009 with additions and deletions as appropriate.

Amended to combine the former recommendation to Combine the Library and Recreation Center as one project and add the Kemp Mill Urban Park. Amendment passed

Amended to include the joint CIP priorities of the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee and the Greater Olney Civic Association previously supported by the Mid-County Citizen Advisory Board. We understand the three priorities are:

- Priority #1: Funding for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to connect Olney with the Glenmont Metro Station.
- Priority #2: Funding for a Multi-Function County and Community Services Center.
- Priority #3: Funding for a Town Commons/Green Space area with a pavilion and suitable accommodations for the Olney Farmers Market.

Motion Eileen Cahill
Amendment Passed

Amended to delete the grade separated interchange at MD Route 97 and MD Route 28 as they are SHA projects and not Montgomery County Government CIP projects. Motion Ariel Winter; Five support; one opposed; three abstentions. Amendment passed.

Amended to add Extend the Matthew Henson trail to the Trolley Museum from Alderton Road. Motion Steve Morrison; Second Gam Wijetunge, Four support; three opposed; two abstentions. Amendment passed.

Call the question by Blaine Charak
Motion passed with amendments unanimously.

Director's Report:

The Director's report was submitted in hard copy. In the interest of time, if you have any questions please contact the Acting Director.

Committee Reports:

Rick Newman, Chair, Transportation and Land Use Committee reported on the progress of the Bus Rapid Transit proposal.

Gamunu Wijetunge, Chair Quality of Life Committee had no report.

Steve Morrison reported on apparent discrepancies in the DPS fees charged for

permits. As an example the Use and Occupancy permit for the change from a Laundromat to a subway restaurant was a \$1,000 fee and the demolition of the Safeway was a \$200,000 fee. There does not seem to be a correlation between the fee and services provided for that fee.

Election of Officers: Members congratulate Blaine Charak for his contribution this past year and noted their appreciation for his leadership.

The following nominations were made:

Gamunu (Gam) Wijetunge, Chair

Rick Newman, Vice Chair

Ariel Winter, Parliamentarian

Passed unanimous consent

Selection Committee: Gamunu (Gam) Wijetunge and Karla Fortunato were selected as the selection committee for the vacancies on the Citizen Advisory board.

Adjourn: 9 p.m.